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PLEASE PLASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SENATOR NAKAYAMA FROM
AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS.

DEAR SENATOR NAKAYAMA:

I SEND THIS MESSAGE TO YOU IN YOUR CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT
PRO TEM OF THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, A
POSITION OF PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY AND
HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE. TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES IN
THE CONVENTION, I EXTEND MY WARM GREETINGS AND EVERY GOOD
WISH FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR IMPORTANT TASK.

THE DRAFTING OF A CONSTITUTION LEADING TOWARD THE GOAL OF
EVENTUAL FULL SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR MICRONESIA HAS BEEN AN
AIM WHICH I HAVE ESPOUSED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND WHICH I
FIRST SUGGESTED FORMALLY AT KOROR MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO.
THE DRAFTING OF YOUR OWN CONSTITUTION MANIFESTS YOUR PROGRESS
TOWARD THE SELF-GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVE WHICH MICRONESIA IS

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SEEKING AND WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS ASSISTING IN VIEW

OF ITS INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF
MICRONESIA AND IN FULFILLMENT OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER
THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

YOUR LABORS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS MAY WELL CONSTRUCT A
FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE ISLANDS OF MICRONESIA
CAN WORK OUT AN EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING RELATIONSHIP WITH
EACH OTHER FOR THE FUTURE. AS WE THINK ABOUT THE TASK
BEFORE YOU WE CANNOT AVOID BEING REMINDED OF THE FAMOUS
ASSEMBLY OF THE 13 ORIGINAL UNITED STATES ALMOST 200 YEARS
AGO, IN WHICH, AFTER MUCH LIVELY DEBATE AND COMPROMISE
CONCERNING THE MEANS BY WHICH THE DIVERSE STATES COULD
MAINTAIN THEIR SEPARATE IDENTITIES AND STILL ASSOCIATE
MEANINGFULLY TOGETHER, THOSE STATESMEN DEVISED THE ARTICLES
OF CONFEDERATION OF THE UNITED STATES, THAT IMPORTANT STEP
LEADING TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, THAT DOCUMENT HAS MET
OUR NEEDS FOR TWO CENTURIES. MAY THE PRODUCT OF YOUR CON-
VENTION BE EQUALLY APPROPRIATE TO YOUR NEEDS. YOUR TASK,
TO BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED, WILL REQUIRE NO LESS IMAGI-
NATION, GOOD WILL AND STATESMANSHIP. A GOVERNMENT FOR THE
ISLANDS OF MICRONESIA, DESIRED AND DETERMINED BY MICRONE-
SIANS, WOULD SURELY BE AN ACHIEVEMENT WORTH THE DILIGENCE,
TOLERANCE, AND VISION WHICH WILL BE DEMANDED OF THE
DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION.

WITH BEST WISHES,

SINCERELY YOURS, AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS
THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN
STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. ROBINSON

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